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CONTRIBUTIONS TO CIRDAP IOS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India has been making contribution to various international organizations such as CIRDAP and others;

(b) if so, the main benefits derived from this contribution;

(c) whether any welfare scheme for eradication of poverty and awareness programme has been launched in rural areas of the country by these agencies to whom contribution is being made;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the rationale behind contributing a large sum annually to these organizations?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Membership contributions to the International organizations like Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP), Afro- Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO) have helped Ministry of Rural Development in developing understanding among member countries for promoting welfare, eradication of thirst, hunger and poverty among rural people and in assisting member countries in obtaining financial and technical assistance for rural development programmes. The membership of these organizations has also contributed to the human resource development through training, participative Technical Cooperation among Members. These organizations serve as useful fora for the member countries to share experiences in the local self-government and rural development.

(c) & (d) CIRDAP, who promotes technical cooperation among the nations of the region for furthering the effectiveness of integrated rural development programmes in the Asia- Pacific region, involves National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD), Hyderabad for organizing International training courses on Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation in India. The AARDO contributes to the Human Resource Development by organizing training activities for member countries through institutions like NIRD, National Institute of Small Industry Extension Training (NISIET) at Hyderabad and South India Textile Research Association (SITRA), Coimbatore. Over 50 training programmes and workshops have been organized by AARDO with the participation of over 400 persons from different countries during the past three years.

(e) Does not arise in view of replies to (b), (c) & (d) above.